



## State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

### Credit Union Day

**WHEREAS**, credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives, democratically owned and operated and founded by people working together toward economic advancement; and

**WHEREAS**, credit unions embrace a “people helping people” philosophy through the pooling of personal resources and leadership abilities for the good of the cooperative, empowering members to improve their financial futures and uniting to help those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, credit unions have demonstrated outstanding leadership throughout communities in which they have served since they were founded in Rhode Island almost 100 years ago; and


**WHEREAS**, credit unions have championed the idea that people from all walks of life should have access to affordable financial services offered by credit unions; and


**WHEREAS**, 22 credit unions currently serve the financial needs of 328,000 members in Rhode Island; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim January 24, 2013 as Credit Union Day in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this day.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013

  
Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor

  
A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State